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LABOUR
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WORKERS UNDER UNORGANISED SECTOR
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether 90 percent workers in the country are under the unorganized sector;

(b) if so, whether the Government are aware that there is a wide gap between the minimum wages fixed by the Government for workers working in various sectors;

(c) if so, whether the Government propose to conduct or have conducted any survey in this regard;

(d) if so, the findings thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) : The fixation of minimum wages under the Minimum Wages Act, 1948 depends on various factors including socio-economic and agro-climatic conditions, prices of essential commodities, productivity, paying capacity and local conditions influencing the wage rate etc. varying from state to state and industry to industry. As a result, there is some disparity in the minimum wages throughout the country. To make an assessment of the extent to which the provisions of the Act have been enforced in the various Scheduled employments in different parts of the country, the Ministry of Labour conducts evaluation studies on the implementation of the provisions of the Act. The reports of the studies are forwarded to the State Governments for further necessary action.